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SUBJ: GOL REQ FOR FLOATING POWER BARGE

1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFO ON US NAVY FLOATING POWER BARGES (YFP), SPECIFICALLY, WITH RESPECT TO LOCATION, KILOWATTS GENERATED AND POSSIBLE AVAILABILITY TO LEBANON ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. (LEBANESE CURRENT IS 110 VOLTS, 50 CYCLES).

2. ABOVE INFO REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMAL REQ FROM GOL FOR POSSIBLE LOAN OF SUCH BARGES. SIMILAR REQ APPARENTLY ALSO MADE TO SOVIETS WHOSE INITIAL REACTION ALLEGEDLY FAVORABLE. IN AIDE MEMOIRE, GOL REFERRED TO USN POWER BARGES AT GUAM AND OKINAWA, BOTH CAPABLE OF GENERATING 30 THOUSAND KILOWATTS.

3. IN MAKING THIS INQUIRY, EMB WISHES TO STRESS THAT IT DOES NOT RPT NOT AT THIS JUNCTURE RECOMMEND ACCEDING TO GOL REQ. THE TIGHT ELECTRICITY SITUATION LOCALLY CAN BE MET THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS AND INDEED TENDERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN LET AND RECEIVED FOR ADDITIONAL GENERATORS, WITH THE RESULT THAT WESTINGHOUSE AND THE FRENCH CONCERN ALSTHOM ARE NOW RUNNING NECK AND NECK FOR THE FAVORABLE BID. NEVERTHELESS WE BELIEVE INFO ON US NAVY YFP'S WOULD BE HELPFUL BOTH IN THE CONTEXT OF A POSSIBLE

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STOP-GAP SOLUTION, PENDING INSTALLATION OF NEW INDUSTRIAL

EQUIPMENT AND IN THE CONTEXT OF BEING BETTER ABLE TO EVALUATE
REPORTED SOVIET OVERTURE (WHICH WE ARE INCLINED TO CONSIDER IN
ALL LIKELIHOOD AS A STRICTLY COMMERCIAL PROPOSITION).

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